

I AM RELYING NOT RUNNING “CUT IT OUT”

Genesis 17

To Rely on God . . .

1) Trust His CONTROL.

Genesis 17:1, When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.”

Genesis 12:4, So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Genesis 17:1-2 (NLT), When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. ²I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants.”

2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT), If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

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2) Answer to His CALL.

Genesis 17:3-6 (NLT), ³At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, ⁴“This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! ⁵What’s more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. ⁶I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!”

Name Changes in Genesis 17

- ❖ God is now called El Shaddai (God Almighty) (Genesis 17:1)
- ❖ Abram is now called Abraham (Genesis 17:5)
- ❖ Sarai is now called Sarah (Genesis 17:15)

John 15:15 (NKJV), No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

1 John 3:1 (ESV), See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV), But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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3) See Sin CLEARLY.

Genesis 17:9-11 (NLT), ⁹Then God said to Abraham, “Your responsibility is to obey the terms of the covenant. You and all your descendants have this continual responsibility.¹⁰This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Each male among you must be circumcised.¹¹ You must cut off the flesh of your foreskin as a sign of the covenant between me and you.”

Genesis 17:14 (NLT), Any male who fails to be circumcised will be cut off from the covenant family for breaking the covenant.

Deuteronomy 30:6, The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

Colossians 2:11 (NKJV), In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ.

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?